

**COMMUNITY COLLEGE COUNCIL (CCC) MEETING NOTES**

**Thursday, August 7, 2014**

**9:00 – 9:30 a.m.**

**DE - ICN Room**

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Those in attendance included:

- ☐ Brooke Axiotis, CCC and State Board of Education Member
- ☐ Barbara Crittenden, President, Southwestern Community College; and CCC Member
- ☐ MJ Dolan, Executive Director, Iowa Association of Community College Trustees
- ☐ Kent Farver, Chief, Bureau of Community Colleges
- ☐ Rosie Hussey, CCC and State Board of Education Member
- ☐ Mike Knedler, CCC and State Board of Education Member
- ☐ Pradeep Kotamraju, Chief, Bureau of Career and Technical Education
- ☐ Mary Ellen Miller, CCC and State Board of Education Member
- ☐ Jeremy Varner, Administrator, Division of Community Colleges
- ☐ Stephanie Weeks, Assistant to Jeremy Varner, Division of Community Colleges

**I. Welcome and Introductions—Mike Knedler, Chair**

Chair Knedler called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Members and presenters introduced themselves.

**II. Approval of Meeting Notes—Mike Knedler, Chair**

Chair Knedler asked for approval of the notes of the August 7, 2014, meeting of the CCC.

**Motion:** Rosie Hussey moved and Mary Ellen Miller seconded to approve the CCC notes as presented.

**Action:** The notes were passed unanimously by the CCC.

**III. Division Updates—Jeremy Varner**

Jeremy thanked the CCC for meeting face-to-face and indicated that we have a tight agenda. He also indicated that the summer edition of the Community College Leader Bulletin, Volume 3, Issue 3, was recently emailed to the CCC. The division produces these quarterly bulletins to keep college administrators, faculty, and staff informed of Iowa Department of Education initiatives, policy changes, and related matters.

**IV. IACCT Update—MJ Dolan**

MJ indicated that the “Community Colleges of Iowa 2015 Legislative Priorities” is currently being printed; she will distribute copies at the September CCC and State Board meetings.

**V. Rules: Chapter 48—Statewide Work-Based Learning Intermediary Network (Notice)—Kent Farver**

In 2013, legislation was passed to establish a network of regional work-based learning intermediary networks to connect business and the education system and expand the availability relevant work-based learning opportunities (e.g., job shadows, internships, and career fairs) to students and teachers particularly related to science, technology, engineering, or mathematics occupations, occupations related to critical infrastructure and commercial and residential construction, or the targeted industries of advanced manufacturing, biosciences, and information technology. This new chapter of administrative rule is intended to implement the program. All students will have access. Division of Community Colleges consultant, Kelli Diemer, is the coordinator of the network. Jeremy will invite her to a future CCC meeting to provide an update.

**Motion:** Rosie Hussey moved and Mary Ellen Miller seconded to move that the State Board give public notice of its intent to adopt Chapter 48 rules.

**Vote:** The motion carried unanimously.

**VI. Community College Interim Accreditation Reports—Kent Farver**

Jeremy Varner indicated that the accreditation reports are the primary mechanism for assuring community colleges are following practices. Kent Farver reported that the following are all interim accreditation reports. He also expressed how impressed the division has been with the make-up of the teams.

**Iowa Lakes Community College (ILCC) Interim Accreditation Report—Kent Farver**

Jeremy Varner indicated that the accreditation reports are the primary mechanism for assuring community colleges are following practices. Kent Farver presented a report of the evaluation of ILCC for continued state accreditation as an associate degree-granting institution. The department conducted the on-site portion of the evaluation on April 30, 2014 – May 1, 2014. The purpose of the review was a scheduled interim accreditation evaluation of ILCC as mandated by Iowa Code, Section 260C.47.

The findings reflect the work of the accreditation team's interim review of ILCC. ILCC is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission (HLC), a commission of the North Central Association. The state accreditation process reviews state requirements but does not duplicate the HLC process. HLC documentation is reviewed during the visit to identify any follow up that may be required. State standards are reviewed through a structured process by department staff and community college peer reviewers. The state accreditation team recommends continued accreditation for ILCC. A state comprehensive accreditation evaluation will be conducted in fiscal year 2018.

**Motion:** Rosie Hussey moved and Barbara Crittenden seconded to move that the State Board of Education approve continued accreditation for ILCC.

**Vote:** The motion carried unanimously.

### **Iowa Valley Community College (IVCCD) Interim Accreditation Report**

Kent Farver presented a report of the evaluation of IVCCD for continued state accreditation as an associate degree-granting institution. The department conducted the on-site portion of the evaluation on April 23-24, 2014. The purpose of the review was a scheduled interim accreditation evaluation of IVCCD as mandated by Iowa Code, Section 260C.47.

The findings reflect the work of the accreditation team's interim review of ILCC. IVCCD is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission (HLC), a commission of the North Central Association. The state accreditation process reviews state requirements but does not duplicate the HLC process. HLC documentation is reviewed during the visit to identify any follow up that may be required. State standards are reviewed through a structured process by department staff and community college peer reviewers. The state accreditation team recommends continued accreditation for IVCCD. A state comprehensive accreditation evaluation will be conducted in fiscal year 2019.

**Motion:** Mary Ellen Miller moved and Rosie Hussey seconded to move that the State Board of Education approve continued accreditation for IVCCD.

**Vote:** The motion carried unanimously.

### **Northeast Iowa Community College (NICC) Interim Accreditation Report**

Kent Farver presented a report of the evaluation of NICC for continued state accreditation as an associate degree-granting institution. The department conducted the on-site portion of the evaluation on May 12-13, 2014. The purpose of the review was a scheduled interim accreditation evaluation of NICC as mandated by Iowa Code, Section 260C.47.

The findings reflect the work of the accreditation team's interim review of NICC. NICC is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission (HLC), a commission of the North Central Association. The state accreditation process reviews state requirements but does not duplicate the HLC process. HLC documentation is reviewed during the visit to identify any follow up that may be required. State standards are reviewed through a structured process by department staff and community college peer reviewers. The state accreditation team recommends continued accreditation for NICC. A state comprehensive accreditation evaluation will be conducted in fiscal year 2019.

**Motion:** Barb Crittenden moved and Rosie Hussey seconded to move that the State Board of Education approve continued accreditation for NICC.

**Vote:** The motion carried unanimously.

### **Southwestern Community College (SWCC) Interim Accreditation Report**

Kent Farver presented a report of the evaluation of SWCC for continued state accreditation as an associate degree-granting institution. The department conducted the on-site portion of the evaluation on March 12-13, 2014. The purpose of the review was a scheduled interim accreditation evaluation of SWCC as mandated by Iowa Code, Section 260C.47.

The findings reflect the work of the accreditation team's interim review of SWCC. SWCC is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission (HLC), a commission of the North Central Association. The state accreditation process reviews state requirements but does not duplicate the HLC process. HLC documentation is reviewed during the visit to identify any follow up that may be required. State standards are reviewed through a structured process by department staff and community college peer reviewers. The state accreditation team recommends continued accreditation for SWCC. A state comprehensive accreditation evaluation will be conducted in fiscal year 2019.

**Motion:** Rosie Hussey moved and Brooke Axiotis seconded to move that the State Board of Education approve continued accreditation for SWCC.

**Vote:** The motion carried unanimously.

## **VII. Community College Comprehensive Accreditation Report—Kent Farver**

### **Indian Hills Community College (IHCC)**

Kent Farver presented a report of the evaluation of IHCC for continued state accreditation as an associate degree-granting institution. The department conducted the on-site portion of the evaluation on April 15-17, 2014. The findings reflect the work of the accreditation team's interim review of IHCC. IHCC is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission (HLC), a commission of the North Central Association. The state accreditation process reviews state requirements but does not duplicate the HLC process. HLC documentation is reviewed during the visit to identify any follow up that may be required. State standards are reviewed through a structured process by department staff and community college peer reviewers. The state accreditation team recommends continued accreditation for IHCC. A state compliance accreditation evaluation will be conducted in fiscal year 2018.

**Motion:** Rosie Hussey moved and Brook Axiotis seconded to move that the State Board of Education approve continued accreditation for SWCC.

**Vote:** The motion carried unanimously.

## **VIII. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m.